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SUBJECT: REPORTED AEROSPACE INDUSTRY STUDY FOR VENEZUELA

REF:A)CARACAS 9818; B) STATE 209357

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1. SEVERAL U.S. COMPANIES HAVE CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST DETAILED INFORMATION ON BIDS TO CONDUCT ELEVEN-MONTH PLANNING STUDY FOR GOV ON CREATION OF QUOTE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY UNQUOTE IN VENEZUELA. DEPARTMENT INFORMED THAT STUDY BASED ON PRE-STUDY BY ISRAELI AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, WHICH COMPLETED EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND WHICH RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT IN VENEZUELA OF MAJOR LATIN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ENGINE AND AIRCRAFT OVERHAUL CENTER WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO INVESTMENT OF \$25 MILLION. WE ARE ALSO INFORMED THAT FRENCH AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LANDING STUDY WITH COMPANIES IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

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2. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ASKED DEPARTMENT FOLLOW:

(A) IS BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE NOVEMBER 29? (B) MAY ONLY VENEZUELAN FIRMS, ALBEIT WITH FOREIGN CONNECTIONS, SUBMIT BIDS? (C) IS ISRAELI STUDY (WHICH COMPANIES, DESPITE REF. A, INSIST EXISTS) AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION OF INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS?

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ASCERTAIN STATUS OF REPORTED STUDY AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. INGERSOLL

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